DANGEROUS BATTLES... BREATHLESS SUSPENSE!

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YOU GOTTA DIE FIGHTING WHEN YOU KNOW THE ENEMY HAS SWORN TO TAKE

"NO PRISONERS!"

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"SCREAMING MEEMIES!"

"A SPOT FOR NICK!"

"GOING HOME!"

MEN AT WAR!

WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT PIMPLES

Acne, Blackheads, and other externally caused Skin Blemishes

WHEN pimply skin is your problem, the first thing to get straight is that you *can* and *should* do something about it. To develop the attractiveness of your face is not mere vanity. It is an "open sesame" towards bringing the real YOU closer to other people and giving your personality the poise and confidence it needs. Your good qualities—intelligence, character, dignity—all go to naught... are completely cancelled out by a skin that "nobody loves to touch." Remember, the YOU that people see first is your face.

SKIN PROBLEMS DEMAND IMMEDIATE CARE

Medical statistics tell us that blemished skin usually occurs from adolescence on through adult life. The problem at the adolescent stage is serious enough to deserve attentive care as a family matter. In adulthood, when life's responsibilities are so much weightier, it is doubly important to exert great effort to eliminate these blemishes. And, there is no better time to get pimples under control than *now*.

DON'T ABUSE SKIN

The first instinctive reaction to pimples and blackheads is to squeeze them out with your fingers. A bit of experimentation along these lines soon provides convincing proof that this succeeds only in inflaming your skin and spreading the infection. Under no circumstances should pimples and blackheads ever be squeezed.

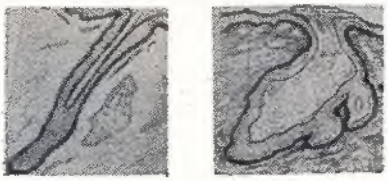
MICROSCOPE SHOWS IMPORTANT BASIS FOR EXTERNALLY CAUSED PIMPLES AND BLACKHEADS

Let's take a look through the microscope to see what's behind those unsightly pimples. The high-powered lenses show your skin coated with a covering which originated from two sources—one, internally and the other, externally.

The internal substances on your skin include dead cells, residue from the sweat glands, and a high quantity of oil excreted by the sebaceous glands. A most important factor in skin disorders occurs when thousands of these tiny sebaceous glands discharge more oil than the skin can use for lubrication. Unless special care is given, the oil forms a heavy film which attracts foreign matter to your skin much as any oil mop picks up dust. These infectious external substances may be classified into three general groups:

1. Airborne materials such as dust, pollens, condensation products of smoke, vapors, etc.
2. Materials brought in contact with the skin, such as tiny fragments of clothing, bedding, cosmetics.
3. Micro-organisms such as bacteria and fungi.

See the difference between a healthy skin and a pimply skin in the microscopic reproductions below.



A. Normal skin **B. Sick, pimply skin**

Diagram A shows a normal-size, smoothly functioning sebaceous gland. Diagram B pictures sick, pimply skin. Notice that the sebaceous gland is a swollen mass of trapped oil, waste and infectious bacteria.

TRY THIS SENSIBLE WAY

Two sensible aims to achieve in controlling this skin condition are: to clear the pores of clogging matter, and to inhibit the excessive oiliness of the skin. Toward these ends, Dornol Products' research makes available two formulas. One is to aid in thorough cleansing by highly detergent penetration which simplifies the removal of waste and foreign matter. The other is to discourage oiliness with clinically-proved ingredients, and to kill infectious bacteria often associated with externally caused pimples and blackheads.

BLEMISHES COVERED UP

To remove the distressing embarrassment of these skin blemishes, the second Dornol formula exerts a "cover-up" action on your broken out skin while the medication does its work. This, plus its pleasant odor, will spare you the mental distress which is associated with unsightly, malodorous, medicated preparations. Imagine! You can apply this Dornol formula to your skin by day and face the immediate present with greater confidence in your appearance, while secure in the knowledge that medication is acting to remove old blemishes and keep away new ones. What this "cover-up" action alone is worth in peace of mind is beyond calculation. No longer need prying eyes make you wince with humiliation and misery. Now because of this wonderful feature of the Dornol treatment, you can put your best foot forward ... at once!

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AN ARTILLERY SHELL SCREAMS LIKE A LOCO-MOTIVE WHEN IT'S ON ITS WAY..
EEEEEEEEEEROOM
AND IT GIVES THE DOG-FACE A CHANCE TO HIT THE DIRT...
EVEN A MORTAR WITH ITS BLOOD-FREEZING WHINE GIVES THE G.I. A BREAK...
WA-A-AAAAAA
BEFORE IT STARTS TO PLOW UP THE GROUND...
WHOMP

BUT THE DOGGIE HASN'T GOT A CHANCE WHEN HE'S UP AGAINST THE SILENT, GUT-RIPPING...

BOUNCING BETSYS

ALL NAMES AND PLACES IN THESE TRUE-TO-LIFE STORIES ARE FICTITIOUS
ANY SIMILARITY BETWEEN ACTUAL PERSONS OR PLACES AND THOSE USED IN THESE STORIES IS PURELY COINCIDENTAL

FOUR MEN LIE DEAD...
THEIR BODIES STILL...
THEIR FLESH TORN...
THEIR BATTLE DONE...
HOLY SMOKES, SARGE! WHERE'D THAT SHELL HIT FROM? I DIDN'T HEAR ANYTHIN' COMIN'!
NAW... BUT HEAR THIS, YOU DOGGIES! FREEZE! DON'T MOVE ANOTHER STEP!
WE'RE STANDIN' IN A MINE FIELD!
AW, YA GOT MESS KITS FOR BRAINS, BAXTER! EVEN AN AIR FORCE JOKER KNOWS THAT WHEN A GUY STEPS ON A MINE HE GETS HIS LEGS BLOWN OFF!
AN' THOSE GUYS STILL HAVE THEIR PINS ATTACHED TO THEIR BODIES... BUT NOT THEIR GUTS! NO MINE COULDA DONE THAT UNLESS THEY WERE BELLY-CRAWLIN'!
STILL THE WISE-GUY, AIN'TCHA, FULLER? ALWAYS RUNNIN' OFF AT THE MOUTH! I TELL YA, THIS'S A MINE FIELD...
YEAH... AN' I SUPPOSE YOU'RE GOIN' TO TELL ME THAT A MINE JUMPED OUTTA THE GROUND AN' KILLED THESE GUYS!
BINGO, HELMET-HEAD... THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED! THEY STEPPED ON A BOUNCING BETSY MINE!
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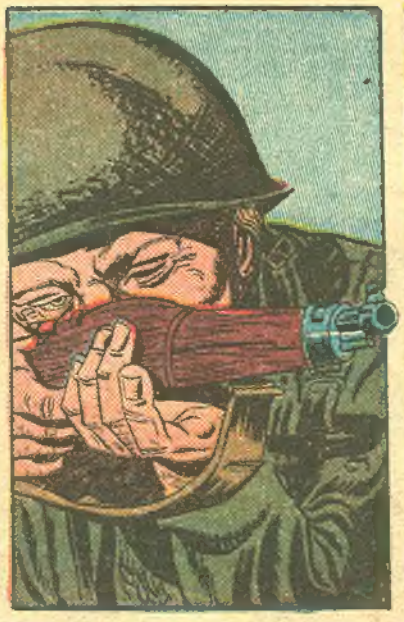
A BOUNCING BETSY MINE IS EQUIPPED WITH A POWERFUL SPRING...
IT'S PUT INTO THE GROUND AND IS SENSITIVE TO PRESSURE FROM ABOVE...
THE PRESSURE RELEASES ITS SPRING AND FORCES THE MINE TO "BOUNCE" OUT OF THE GROUND...
IT EXPLODES AT A HEIGHT OF THREE FEET TO RIP INTO THE VITAL AREAS OF A SOLDIER'S BODY...
NOW GET ON THAT TALKIE, FULLER! AN' GIVE LT. PATTERSON AT PLATOON HEADQUARTERS THE POSITION OF THIS MINE TRAP! ASK HIM IF HE WANTS US TO STAKE IT OUT OR GO AHEAD WITH THE MISSION!
WHAT? I AIN'T DOIN' NEITHER... I AIN'T GONNA PLAY AROUND THIS BOOBY-LAND AN' GET MY GUTS SPILLED BY ONE OF THEM BOUNCIN' BETSYS!
YOU MUST BE GETTIN' BATTLE-BATTY OR ELSE YOU'RE BUCKIN' FOR TECH SERGEANT! I'M GONNA TELL THE LOOIE WE'RE COMIN' BACK AN'...
OWW!
GIMME THAT TALKIE, YOU BIG-MOUTHED PHONY! YOU'RE ALWAYS THINKIN' OF YOUR OWN HIDE!
YA AIN'T NEVER DONE ANYTHIN' FOR ANYBODY ELSE! OUR GUYS'LL BE COMIN' THIS WAY SOON AN' IF THEY RUN INTO THIS BOOBY'D-UP GROUND IT'LL BE THE BLOODIEST SLAUGHTER SINCE HEARTBREAK RIDGE!
WE'RE WITH YA, SARGE! BUZZ THE LOOIE!
YEAH, LT. PATTERSON, AN' FROM THE WAY THE GROUND IS DUG UP I'D SAY THE MINE FIELD COVERS ABOUT A HUNDRED YARDS...
GET IT STAKED OUT AT ONCE, BAXTER... THE WHOLE COMPANY IS MOVIN' UP THAT WAY IN AN HOUR!

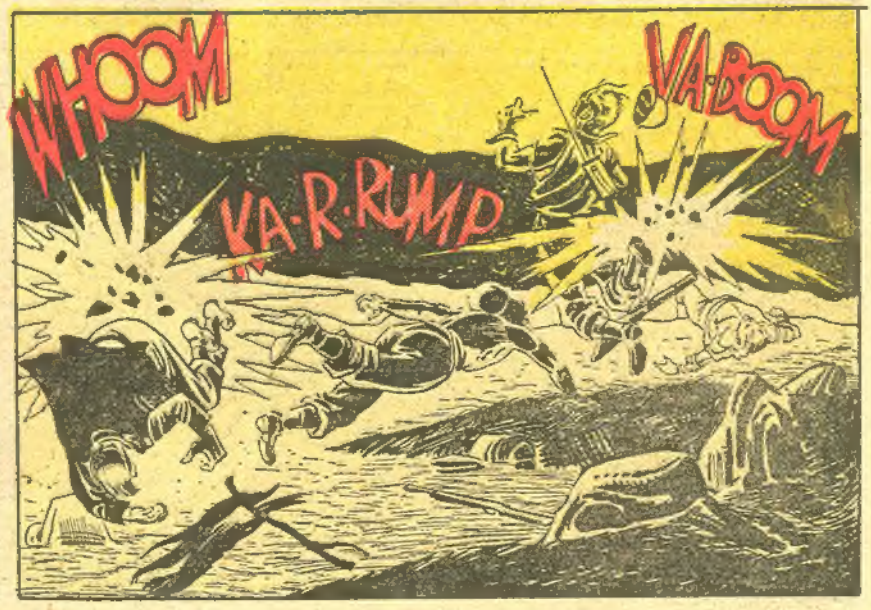
NOT ME! I'M NOT GONNA DO IT! I'M GOIN' BACK! I AIN'T GONNA RISK MY NECK FOR SOMEBODY ELSE!
YOU'LL STAY, FULLER...OR I'LL BLOW YOUR YELLOW GUTS OUT MYSELF!
OKAY... I... I'LL STAY...
NOW LET'S GET STARTED! FIRST WE'LL NEED SOMETHIN' WHITE FOR MARKERS!
HOW ABOUT OUR UNDERSHIRTS, SARGE? THEY'RE FILTHY, BUT...
TELL-TALE GREY IS OKAY, RAFTIS! RIP 'EM OFF, GUYS... AND TEAR 'EM INTO STRIPS!
WE CAN USE THESE BROKEN BRANCHES FOR STAKES!
MOVE AROUND LIKE YOU WERE WALKIN' ON EGGS, FELLAS! ONE WRONG STEP AND THERE'LL BE NOTHING LEFT OF US BUT OUR DOG TAGS! THESE BOUNCIN' BETSYS ONLY NEED A HUNDRED POUNDS OF PRESSURE TO SET 'EM OFF!
GEE...WISH I'D STAYED ON THAT DIET!
HOLY SMOKES! SARGE, LOOK! IT'S FULLER! HE'S TAKIN' OFF A FULL GALLOP!
FULLER...STOP! YOU'LL RUN RIGHT INTO A BETSY, YA GOOFY EIGHT-BALL!

HALT, FULLER... OR I'LL SHOOT!
GO AHEAD! NOTHIN' IS GONNA STOP ME! I'M GETTIN' OUTTA HERE!



BA-VR-RAM

HOLY SMOKES! FULLER STEPPED ON ONE..!AN' IT'S SETTIN' OFF THE WHOLE MINE FIELD!


WHOOM
VA-BOOM
VA-R-RUMP

H-HELLO? LT. PATTERSON? THIS IS SERGEANT BAXTER (GASP!) REPORTIN'! SEND THE COMPANY THRU... MINE FIELD (GASP!) IS... CLEARED! O-OVER... OH-H!
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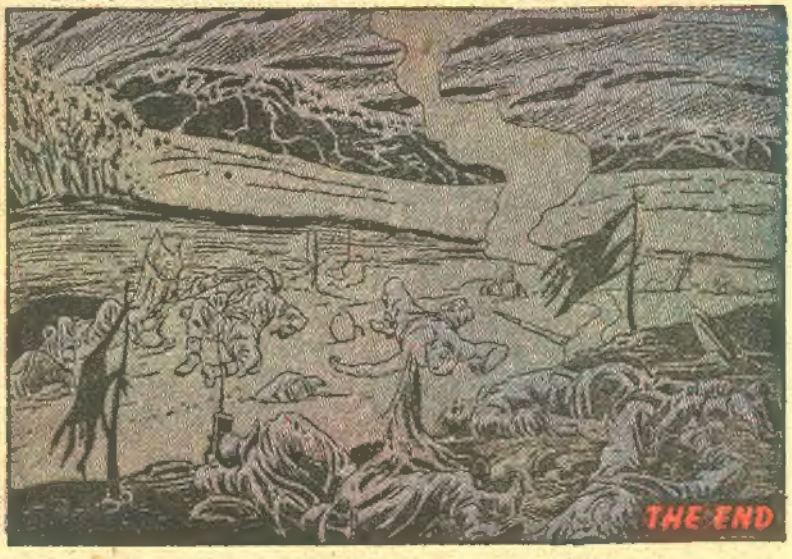
YES, THE FIELD IS CLEARED OF BOUNCING BETSYS... NOW ONLY DEAD JOES AND JOHNNYS LITTER THE GROUND!
THE END

NO PRISONERS

"THERE WERE NO PRISONERS TAKEN BY EITHER SIDE IN THE BATTLE FOR HEARTBREAK RIDGE! THE ONLY CASUALTIES WERE THE DEAD!"
...COL. HAROLD BRICKER
VOOOSSHHHHHH
BROOMM
10006

FOR HOURS BEFORE THE ATTACK BEGAN, U.N ARTILLERY POURED STEEL AT THIS RIDGE...

BUT SHELLS AND BOMBS COULDN'T GET AT THE FIRMLY ENTRENCHED RED BUNKERS...

ON SEPT 19, 1951, THE U.S. 2ND DIV. AND THE 23 RD INFANTRY BEGAN THE ATTACK...

THE LOWER SLOPES WEREN'T TOO BAD...
WHAT DO WE WANT THIS STINKIN' MOUNTAIN FOR?
IT DOMINATES THIS VALLEY!
DOMINATES... SO YOU WENT TO COLLEGE, BROWNIE! I STILL DON'T KNOW WHY WE WANT THE HILL!
WATCH IT!
WHOOM
HIT THE DIRT...
WHAM
BRAMMMM
WHOKKK
THOSE GUYS ARE REALLY DUG IN! OUR ARTILLERY DIDN'T DO MUCH DAMAGE! THIS IS GONNA BE TOUGH!
I STILL DON'T KNOW WHY WE'RE DOING THIS!
BECAUSE OUR TROOPS GOTTA PASS THROUGH THAT VALLEY BELOW, AND THEY CAN'T, AS LONG AS THE REDS HOLD THIS RIDGE AND CAN BLAST THEM FROM UP HERE... GET IT?
YEAH! NOW I GET IT!
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THE MACHINE GUNS OPENED FIRE ON THEM! MEN TOPPLED IN ROWS.. WITH LEAD IN THEIR GUTS...

AND THE 23RD WAS STOPPED 200 YARDS SHORT OF THE CREST BY A SHEET OF FLAME AND LEAD THAT WITHERED THEIR RANKS TO NOTHING!..

THE FIRST ATTACK HAD FAILED...

THE U.S. COMPANIES REFORMED, AND WITH THE FRENCH BATTALION, ATTACKED AGAIN...

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Skinny Girls Don't Have OOMPH!

It takes those extra lbs. of solid flesh to "bring out" your natural curves

If you're otherwise healthy but skinny, scrawny, rundown and lbs. underweight, try correcting this common mistake in eating.

THERE are three essential substances that many thin, scrawny and undernourished girls may fail to get in sufficient quantity from the food they eat. These substances are Vitamin B_1, calcium phosphate and iron. If, like thousands of others, you are underweight without organic cause . . . never seem to gain a pound . . . are so thin that you look gangling and gawky from insufficient amounts of these precious elements, don't get discouraged.

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Remember, if you don't get a sufficient quantity of Vitamin B_1 in your daily diet, you may suffer loss of appetite. And without sufficient iron, the element that helps build rich red blood, you may be rundown, pale, weak and listless. You need calcium phosphate for sound teeth and sturdy bones.

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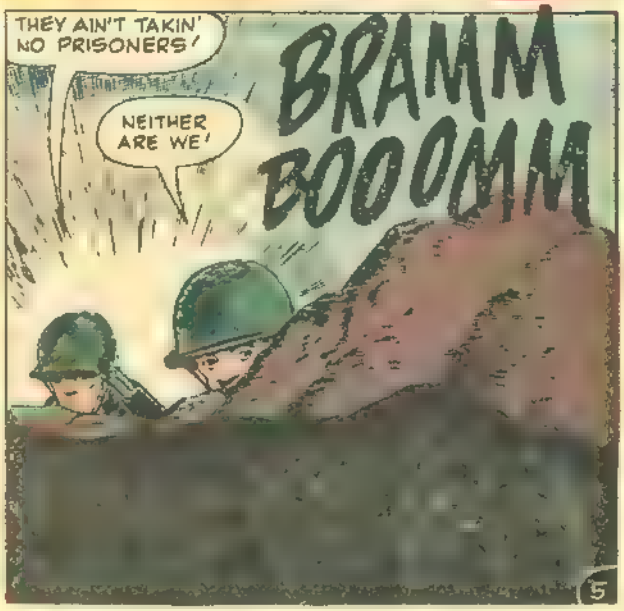
AGAIN THEY WERE REPULSED WITH HEAVY LOSSES .
WH
BROOOMM!
PULL BACK, MEN PULL BACK!
THAT WAS THE PATTERN! DAY AFTER DAY... NIGHT AFTER NIGHT... THEY SCRATCHED AND SLID OVER SHELL-POCKED, SHRUB-COVERED SLOPES UNDER TERRIBLE FIRE .
BOOOMMMM WHUK-WHUK
UNTIL THEY COULD REACH THE RED BUNKERS WITH GRENADES
RAT-TAT-TAT-TAT-TAT
AND EACH TIME ONLY BLOODY REMNANTS WOULD RETURN

TIRED TO THE POINT OF COMPLETE EXHAUSTION DIRTY, WOUNDED, STILL THE U.N. FORCES CLAWED THROUGH THE BLOODY DIRT AND STONES UP THE MOUNTAINSIDE!

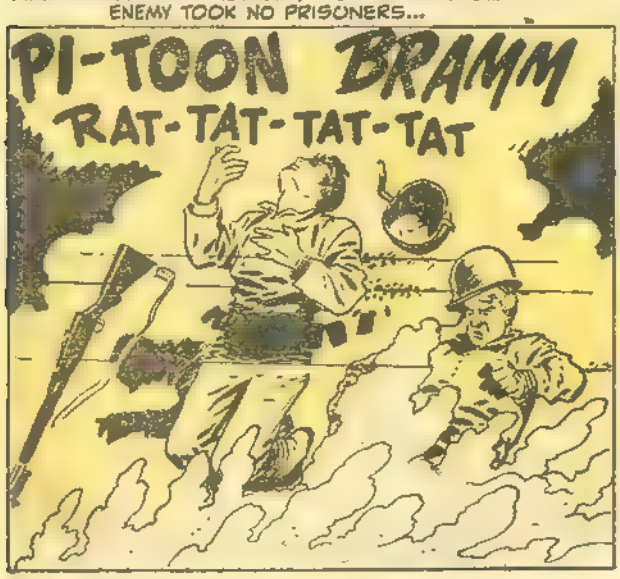
AND THEN ON SEPT 23RD, A COMPANY MADE UP OF THE SURVIVORS OF THREE COMPANIES, ATTACKED THE HILL



FIVE TIMES THEY ATTACKED... AND FOUR TIMES THEY WERE REPULSED...

THREE MEN FINALLY REACHED THE PEAK...

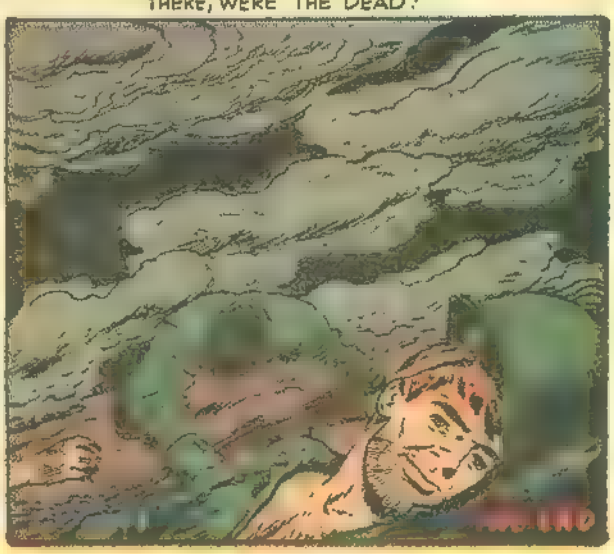
AND RATHER THAN RETREAT, THEY DIED THERE... THE ENEMY TOOK NO PRISONERS...



BUT THREE MEN HAD REACHED THE TOP! THAT WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE END... THAT BROKE THE BACK OF THE ENEMY DEFENSE! THE 23RD AND THE FRENCH, USING GRENADES, BAYONETS AND FLAME-THROWERS, CLAWED FORWARD IN A LAST DESPERATE ATTACK...

ON OCTOBER 13 IN, THE BATTLE WAS OVER! HEARTBREAK RIDGE HAD BEEN TAKEN BY THE U.N. TROOPS...

THERE WERE NO PRISONERS TAKEN BY EITHER SIDE ON TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN! THE ONLY CASUALTIES THERE, WERE THE DEAD!



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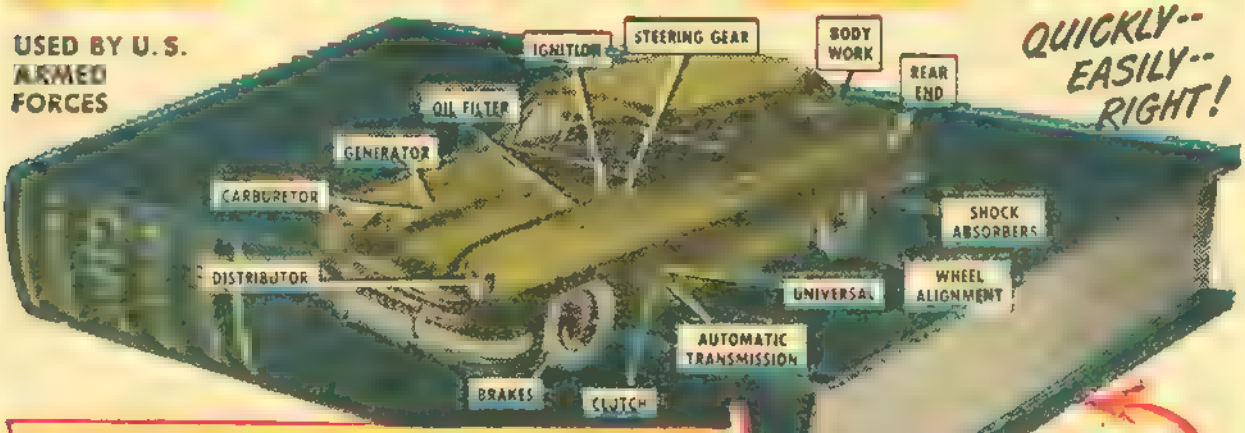

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THE GENERAL WAS IN A HURRY

ALL right, I'll admit the circumstances were kind of special. Still, it's not every Pfc. who — in line of duty — has received a complete and abject apology from a three-star general in his own army; an apology, by gosh, that's rounded out with a deep and ceremonious bow from the same character!

The early autumn of 1944, it was, and they'd just given me my first stripe for doing something useful — I forget just what exactly—away back when the outfit had clawed ashore at Omaha Beach. Omaha Beach, for the benefit of such characters as may have spent the war in the Sunny Pacific, is not in Omaha. It was the name given to some French-owned Atlantic frontage and, while you wouldn't think to look at it that it was particularly valuable, an awful lot of men died in the course of an argument about who it belonged to.

So this was a bunch of months later, and Captain Willoughby — who had been a platoon leader back in the States — was commanding Charlie Company all by himself in the middle of France. C Company had been pulled out of the rest area to which our battalion had been assigned; it had been tacked on to a Combat Group which had been running into all kinds of places to use engineers.

We'd just finished building a nice, pretty Bailey Bridge for the Group when the *Jafa* boys moseyed around our flank and we had to drop our hammers and reach for the M-1's. By the time we'd persuaded them to continue falling back toward Germany as p l a n n e d, they'd overrun the area where we'd built the bridge.

Now to any other branch of the service, this might not have meant too much. The enemy attacks and acquires some ground; you counterattack and regain the ground. Then you either keep going or stop for a second to swallow some breath.

Yeah. But not in the engineers.

We s l u n g our rifles and reached for the soup-plates. Any time Jerry had time to spend in a hunk of territory, he enjoyed leaving affectionate little souvenirs for us here and there— souvenirs which would go *pop!* when we stepped on them. That way we were not likely either to forget Jerry in a hurry or to move after him as fast as we might have wished.

So there it was, a two-mile hike back to the bridge with the mine detectors waving slowly in front of us. Every once in a while there'd be a *click-click* in someone's earphones and there'd be a pause for excavation. Twice, guys didn't hear the click in time.

You see, it wasn't the easiest thing in the world to concentrate on those little hunks of explosive underfoot. For all you knew, there might be a couple of well-camouflaged machine-gun emplacements just around the bend in the narrow road and the riflemen behind you would find out about it by seeing you get chopped down. That's why I guess Greenspan and Braggiano got it — they kept looking up.

We arrived at the bridge and everyone took a deep breath. The worst was over. Captain Willoughby took a platoon with him to remove any such fancy items as the Germans might have used to stuff in nooks and crannies of the Bailey; the rest of us were told to take a break. We lit cigarettes and spilled over the sides of the road

After a while, I saw the top-kick and a couple of other men cluster around the near side of the bridge. Then the captain came over and hunched down on the ground and scrabbled around with his fingers.

All of the men around me stopped breathing and looked at each other. We knew what they had found buried in the dirt just at the entrance to the bridge.

And the big question in everybody's mind was, who would get the really dirty detail of removing it?

The top-kick turned to me, and everyone else let out their breath. I got to my feet, ambled

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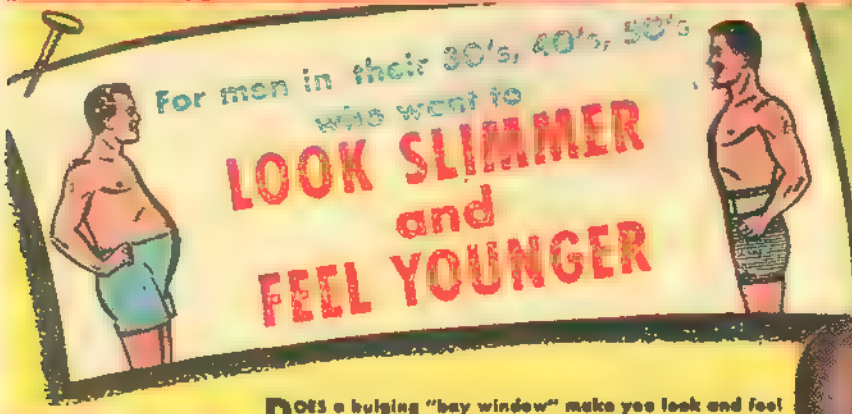
An Amazing NEW HEALTH SUPPORTER BELT



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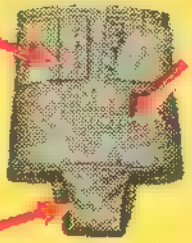

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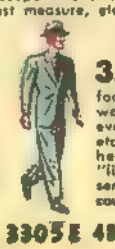

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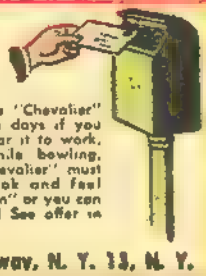

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over and said. "Why don't you give someone else a break sometime, huh, sergeant?"

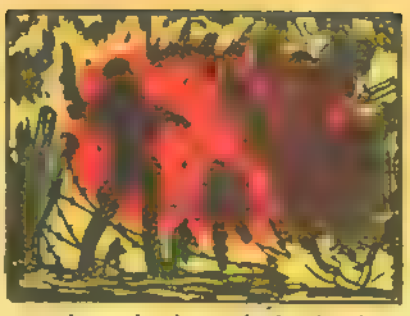
He only said, "We're going across the bridge, Bryan. When you get that out of the way, get a lift from some motorized outfit and catch up with us. On your feet, everybody! Let's go!"

There was a clatter of equipment and Company C picked itself up and moved off. I was left all alone with the big hunk of explosive buried in the ground just in front of the bridge. I took out my mess-kit spoon, standard weapon for this kind of battle, and went to work moving a few grains of sand away at a stroke.

You guessed it: this was a large land mine which required a heavy load pressing down on it to set it off—and by a heavy load, I mean something on the order of a truck or tank. These would be along fairly shortly, but, until the mine was removed, they wouldn't be able to cross the bridge and chase the Germans back into Germany as per battle schedule. But you couldn't remove the mine because it was booby-trapped underground: a series of fine wires radiated away from it to other, smaller mines. Try to pull the big one out without cutting every single one of the wires leading to the small mines—and you'd be a piece of *blooie!*

So, there I was, crouched down on my four bones with the army's traffic slowly piling up behind me, working away and sweating away at one of the slickest jobs of booby-trapping I'd ever seen done. The slightest error, a rock shoved away too roughly so that the thin wire behind was jarred, and yours truly would be heading for the stratosphere. Not the sort of job for a trembling hand.

Every once in a while, I'd take a break and look around and notice how the line of tanks and trucks and armored cars and jeeps had grown longer. There was a certain amount of yelling



questions back and forth, but once all concerned realized just what it was I was crouched down excavating in front of that bridge, they left me alone, strictly alone. Me and my mess-kit spoon.

But somewhere along the line, when, with sweat blurring my vision, I had bent forward again to dig another scoop with the spoon or cut another crucial wire, I heard a voice yelling in my left ear. I turned around, slowly and painfully and looked up.

There was a short, fat Lieutenant-General standing over me and howling, "Do you realize you're holding up the whole army corps, soldier? Hurry up and get that mine out of there."

I really, honestly, saw red. I scrambled to my feet and shoved the mess-kit spoon out at him. "Here, General," I said. "If you're in such a hurry—*you* do it!"

For a moment he began to blow his cheeks out, preparatory to yelping for someone to put me under arrest. Then, I saw he realized how it would become necessary to have someone else excavate the dirt around that mine to the point where it could be lifted out safely. It would have to be an expert, he remarked, because even *experts*—

Once more he looked down at the spoon I was handing to him. He bowed and started to back away. "No, thanks, soldier," he said with a friendly smile. "I didn't mean any offense. You continue to dig the mine out and take your time. Take all the time you want!"

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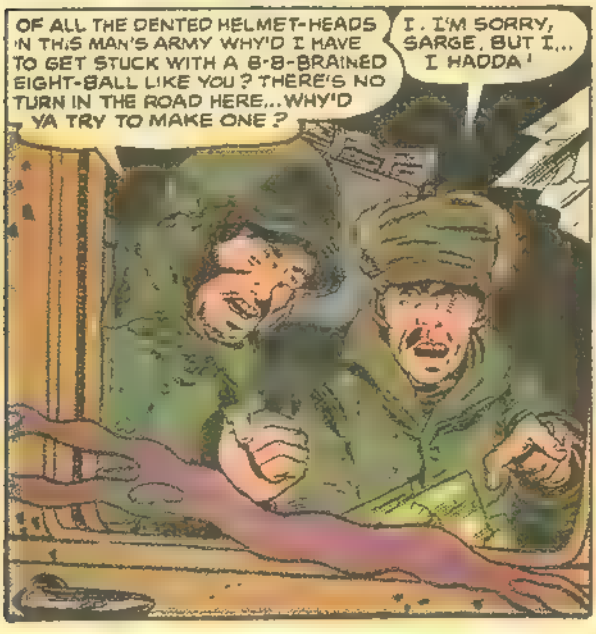
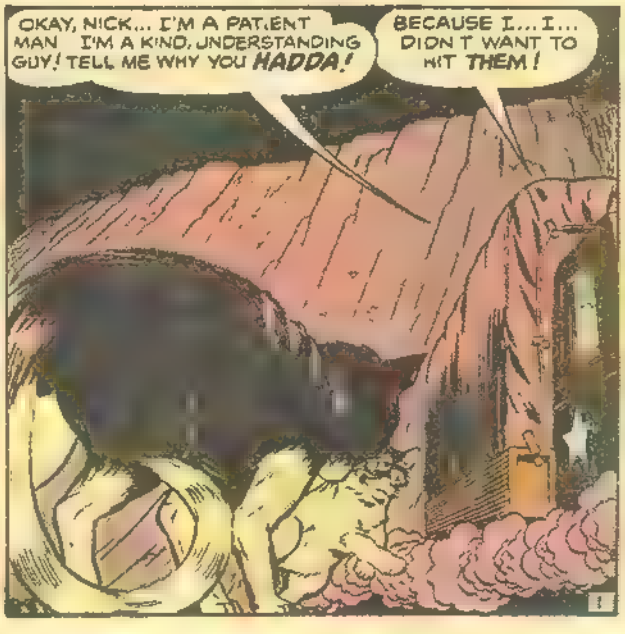
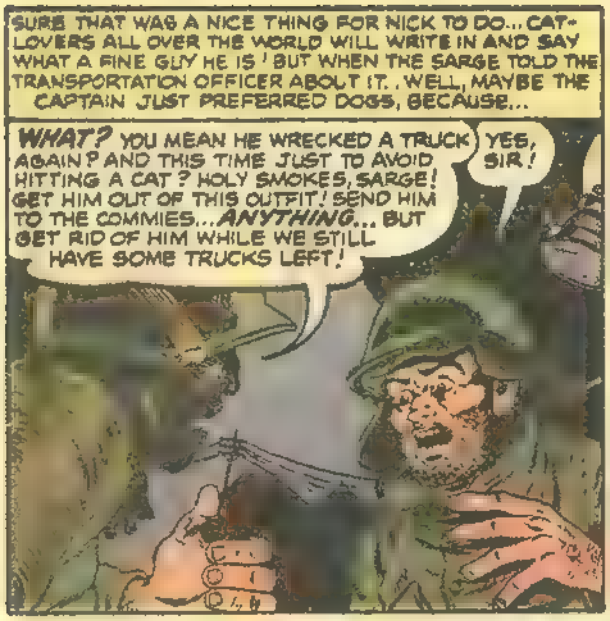
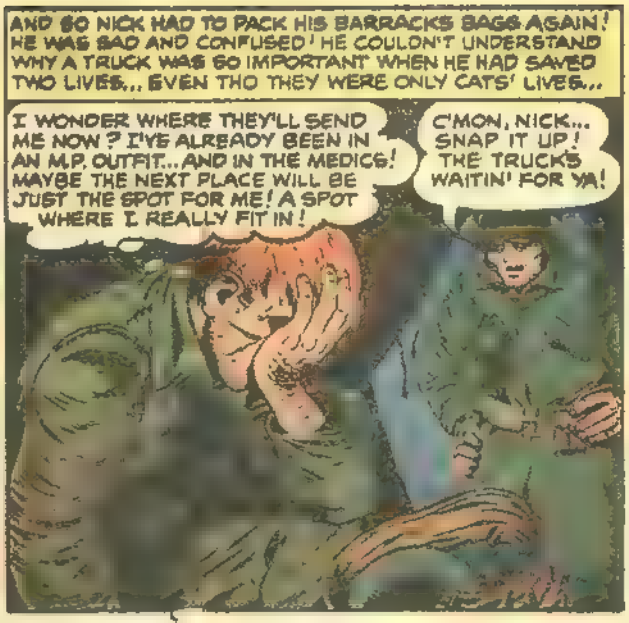
A SPOT FOR NICK!


OF ALL THE DENTED HELMET-HEADS IN THIS MAN'S ARMY WHY'D I HAVE TO GET STUCK WITH A 8-8-BRAINED EIGHT-BALL LIKE YOU? THERE'S NO TURN IN THE ROAD HERE...WHY'D YA TRY TO MAKE ONE?
I. I'M SORRY, SARGE. BUT I... I HADDA!




SURE THAT WAS A NICE THING FOR NICK TO DO... CAT-LOVERS ALL OVER THE WORLD WILL WRITE IN AND SAY WHAT A FINE GUY HE IS! BUT WHEN THE SARGE TOLD THE TRANSPORTATION OFFICER ABOUT IT.. WELL, MAYBE THE CAPTAIN JUST PREFERRED DOGS, BECAUSE...
WHAT? YOU MEAN HE WRECKED A TRUCK AGAIN? AND THIS TIME JUST TO AVOID HITTING A CAT? HOLY SMOKES, SARGE! GET HIM OUT OF THIS OUTFIT! SEND HIM TO THE COMMIES... ANYTHING... BUT GET RID OF HIM WHILE WE STILL HAVE SOME TRUCKS LEFT!
YES, SIR!


AND SO NICK HAD TO PACK HIS BARRACKS BAGS AGAIN! HE WAS SAD AND CONFUSED! HE COULDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY A TRUCK WAS SO IMPORTANT WHEN HE HAD SAVED TWO LIVES... EVEN THO THEY WERE ONLY CATS' LIVES...
I WONDER WHERE THEY'LL SEND ME NOW? I'VE ALREADY BEEN IN AN M.P. OUTFIT... AND IN THE MEDICS! MAYBE THE NEXT PLACE WILL BE JUST THE SPOT FOR ME! A SPOT WHERE I REALLY FIT IN!
C'MON, NICK... SNAP IT UP! THE TRUCK'S WAITIN' FOR YA!

THE NEXT DAY NICK WAS ATTACHED TO AN OUTFIT OF ENGINEERS! THEY WERE HACKING OUT A ROAD THRU THE MOUNTAINS NORTH OF PUSAN...
NICK, YOU'RE ON THE DYNAMITE LOADING DETAIL! CPL. DEAN WILL TELL YOU WHAT TO DO!
YES, SERGEANT! THANK YOU!

YOU'LL FIND A LOT OF HOLES DRILLED UP ALONG THAT LEDGE, CLIMB UP THERE AND LOAD EVERY HOLE WITH FIFTEEN STICKS OF DYNAMITE!
ALL RIGHT, CORPORAL!

HERE'S THE FIRST HOLE! NOW TO PUT IN THE DYNAMITE!

A FEW HOURS LATER NICK REPORTED TO THE CORPORAL!
ALL THE HOLES ARE LOADED, CORPORAL!
YEAH, AN' YOU SURE TOOK YOUR SWEET TIME ABOUT IT! GET UNDER COVER... WE'RE READY TO BLAST!

THE CORPORAL YELLED OUT THE BLASTING WARNING...
FIRE! FIRE! FIRE!

AND A FEW SECONDS LATER THE ENTIRE BLUFF EXPLODED WITH A FORCE THAT MADE THE VETERANS PAW THE EARTH WITH FEAR...
BA-R-R-R-OOOM

FOR CRYIN OUT LOUD CPL DEAN WHAT RE YOU TRYIN TO DO BLOW KOREA OFF THE MAP? THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A LIGHT CHARGE JUST TO LOOSEN UP THE ROCK!
IT WAS SARGE! ASK THIS NEW JOE HE'S THE ONE I TOLD TO LOAD EACH OF THE TWENTY HOLES WITH FIFTEEN STICKS!

WELL, NICK!
FIFTEEN? I I THOUGHT THE CORPORAL SAID FIFTY STICKS IN EACH HOLE!

THE ENGINEERS GOT RID OF NICK AND PRONTO

NICK WAS SHOVED INTO A QUARTERMASTER OUTFIT ON K P

BUT NICK DIDN'T LAST LONG! HE KNOCKED OVER A BOILER OF BEANS...

AND NICK WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE SIBERIA OF THE ARMY... THE REPPLE-DEPPLE...

FOR SEVEN WEEKS NICK DID NOTHING BUT..
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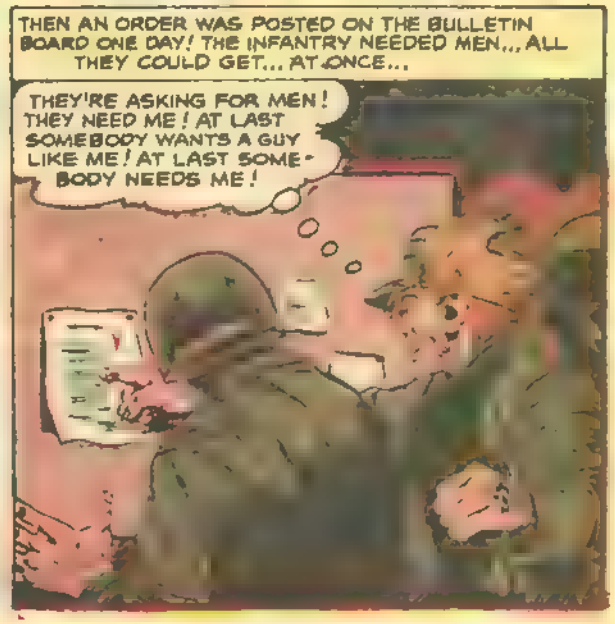
THEN AN ORDER WAS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD ONE DAY! THE INFANTRY NEEDED MEN... ALL THEY COULD GET... AT ONCE...
THEY'RE ASKING FOR MEN! THEY NEED ME! AT LAST SOMEBODY WANTS A GUY LIKE ME! AT LAST SOMEBODY NEEDS ME!

YES, NICK WAS HAPPY! IT FELT GOOD TO BE WANTED! AND HE SANG WITH ALL THE REST OF THE GUYS AS THE TRUCK CONVOY ROLLED TOWARD THE FRONT...
AND THEN THE TRUCKS COULD GO NO FARTHER...GENERAL MUD BOGGED THEM DOWN.
OKAY, YOU GUYS! GRAB A RIFLE, TWO BANDOLEERS OF AMMO AND FOUR GRENADES! THEN START STRINGIN' OUT... SINGLE FILE... FIVE FOOT INTERVALS!
AT THE FRONT NICK DUG IN LIKE ALL THE OTHER GUYS... AND WA TED...
THEN THE REDS CAME, WHOOPING OVER THE SHELL-POCKED GROUND.
AND AT THE COMMAND, NICK CLIMBED OUT OF HIS HOLE AN ENEMY SOLDIER CHARGED AT HIM..
NICK RAISED HIS RIFLE AT THE RED.., READY FOR THE KILL! THEN HE THOUGHT OF THE CAT AND HER LITTLE KITTEN...
AND THE GUN FELL FROM HIS HANDS! NICK COULD KILL... NEITHER CATS NOR HUMANS...
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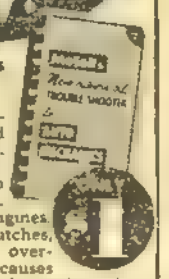

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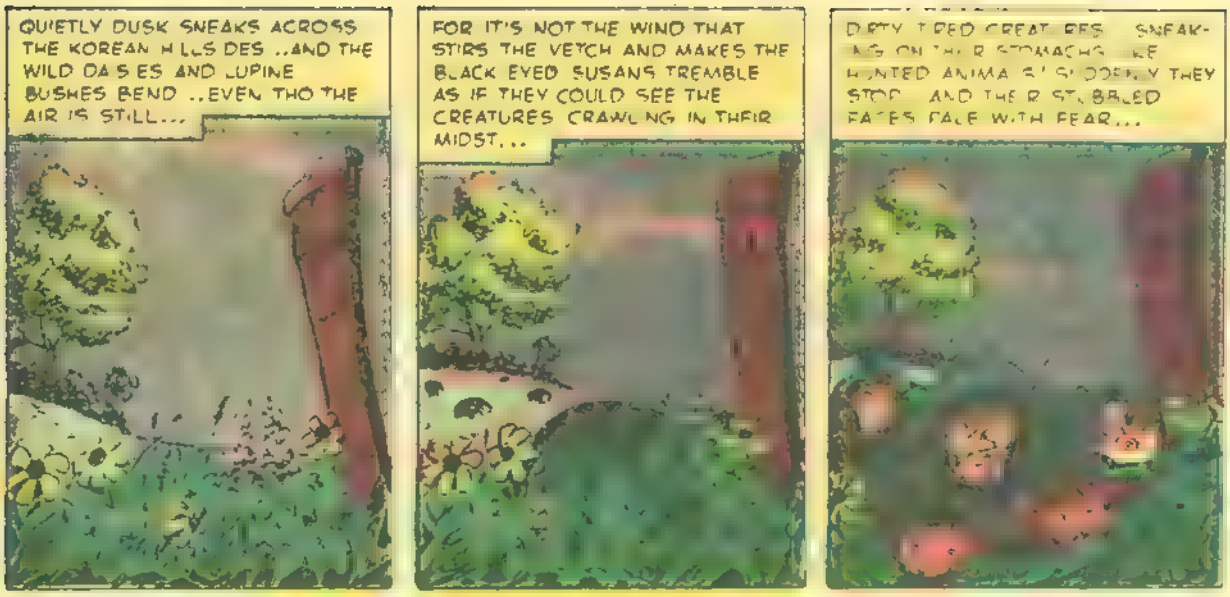

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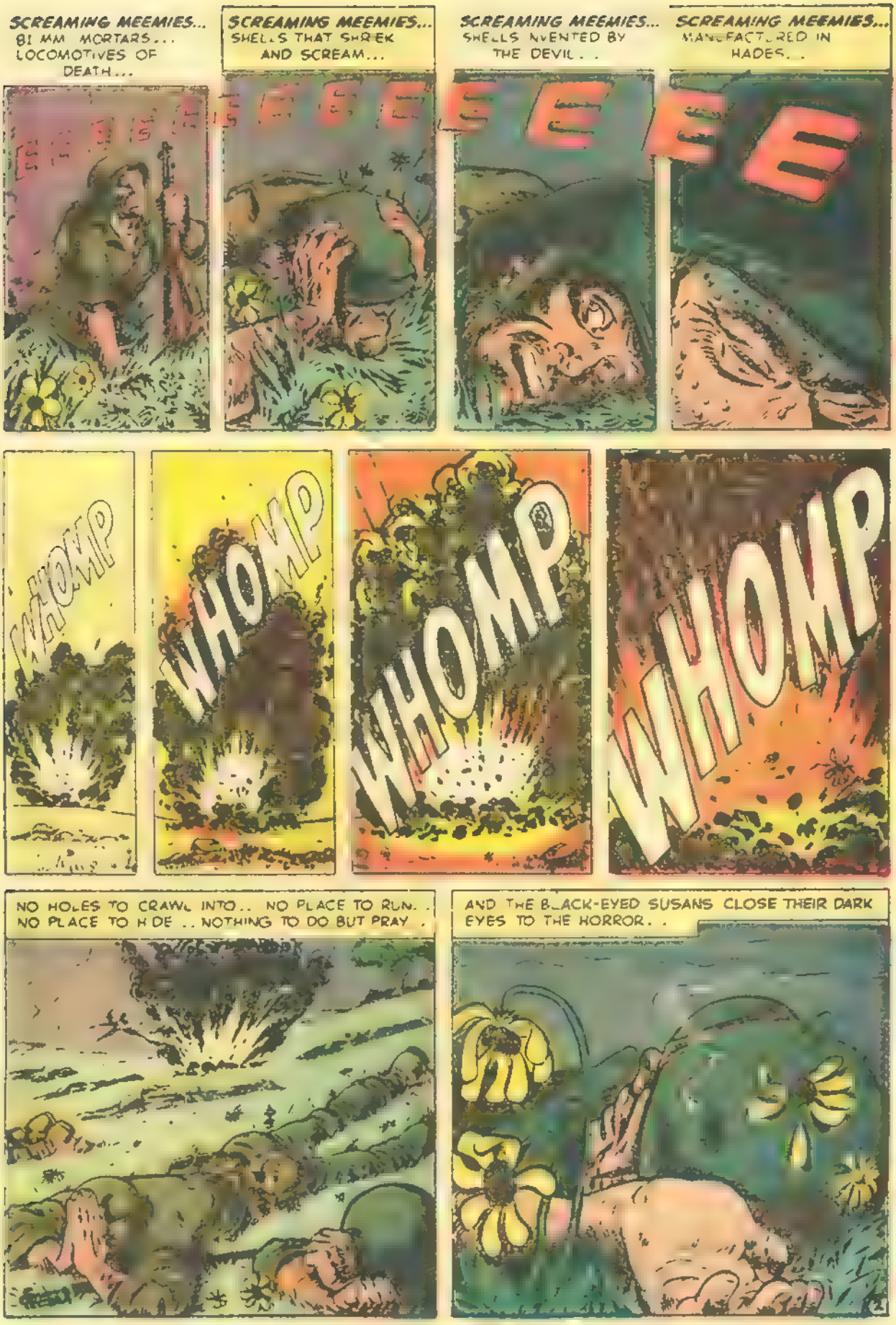
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NO HOLES TO CRAWL INTO.. NO PLACE TO RUN.. NO PLACE TO HIDE.. NOTHING TO DO BUT PRAY..
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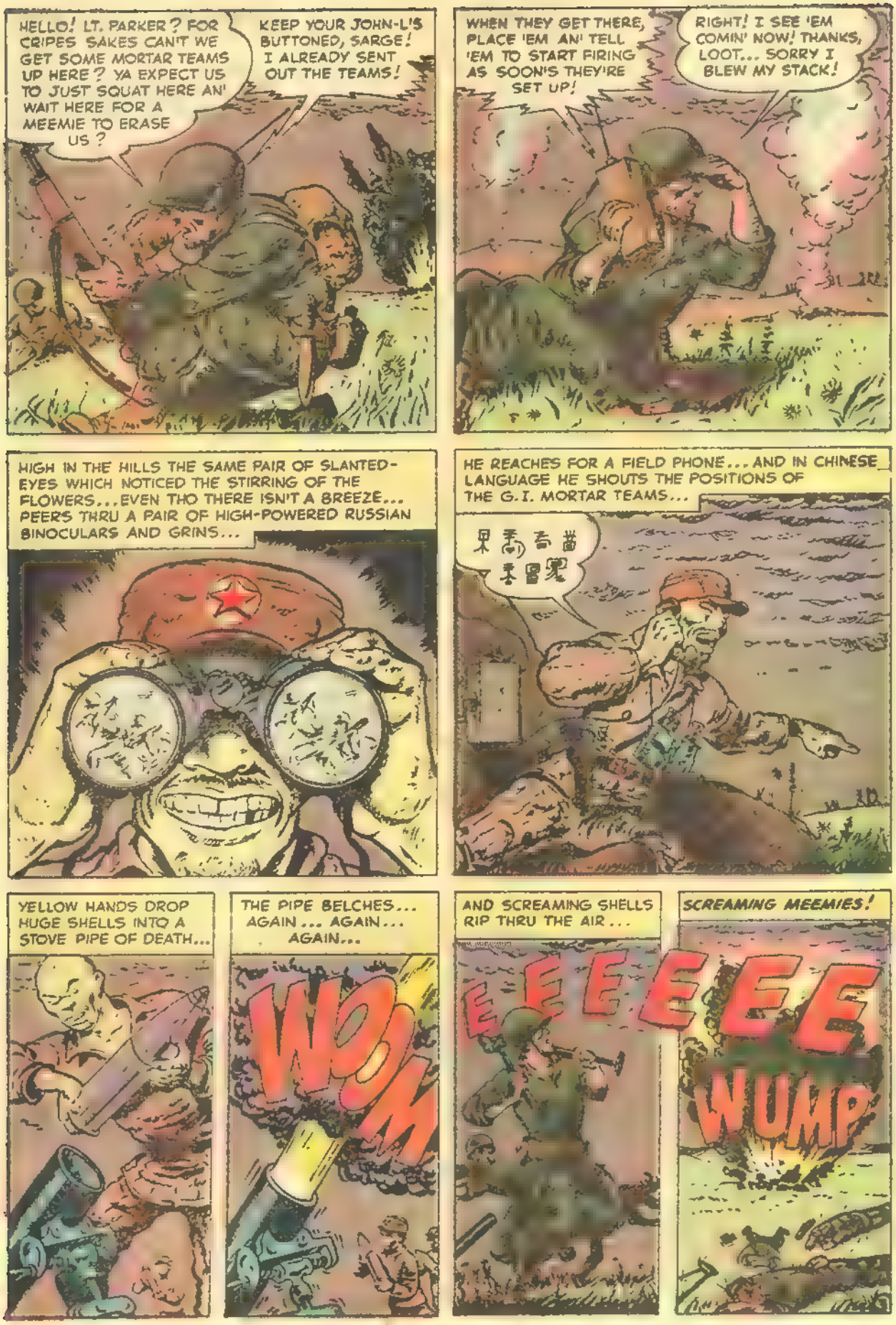
HELLO! LT. PARKER? FOR CRIPES SAKES CAN'T WE GET SOME MORTAR TEAMS UP HERE? YA EXPECT US TO JUST SQUAT HERE AN' WAIT HERE FOR A MEEMIE TO ERASE US?
KEEP YOUR JOHN-L'S BUTTONED, SARGE! I ALREADY SENT OUT THE TEAMS!
WHEN THEY GET THERE, PLACE 'EM AN' TELL 'EM TO START FIRING AS SOON'S THEY'RE SET UP!
RIGHT! I SEE 'EM COMIN' NOW! THANKS, LOOT... SORRY I BLEW MY STACK!
HIGH IN THE HILLS THE SAME PAIR OF SLANTED-EYES WHICH NOTICED THE STIRRING OF THE FLOWERS...EVEN THO THERE ISN'T A BREEZE... PEERS THRU A PAIR OF HIGH-POWERED RUSSIAN BINOCULARS AND GRINS...
HE REACHES FOR A FIELD PHONE... AND IN CHINESE LANGUAGE HE SHOUTS THE POSITIONS OF THE G.I. MORTAR TEAMS...
YELLOW HANDS DROP HUGE SHELLS INTO A STOVE PIPE OF DEATH...
THE PIPE BELCHES... AGAIN... AGAIN... AGAIN...
WOOM
AND SCREAMING SHELLS RIP THRU THE AIR...
EEEEEEE
SCREAMING MEEMIES!
WUMP

BINGO! DIRECT HIT ON THE G.I. MORTAR TEAM NUMBER 1...
WHRUMP
A BRACKET OF FOUR SCREAMING MEEMIES CREMATES TEAM NUMBER 2...
WHAT WHAP!
AND WHAT THEY DO TO TEAM THREE WILL BE TOLD IN TELE-GRAMS TO THEIR NEXT OF KIN...
THE SCREAMING MEEMIES CONTINUE TO WAIL AS DARKNESS FALLS...
WOMP
SCREAMING MEEMIES...
CRIPES! AIN'T THEY NEVER GONNA STOP!
EEEEE
SCREAMING MEEMIES...
THAT BLASTED SCREAMIN'... IT'S GONNA DRIVE ME NUTS!
EEEE
SCREAMING MEEMIES...
STOP! STOP THAT SCREAMIN'! MAKE 'EM STOP! PLEASE MAKE 'EM STOP... PLEASE!
EE
HEY, PETRONI... AN' YOU SUSKI... C'MON... FOLLOW ME!
SURE, SARGE! ANYTHIN' IS BETTER'N JUST LAYIN HERE AN' SWEATIN' OUT THEM SCREECHIN' MEEMIES!
WHERE WE GOIN'?
UP THERE! BEFORE IT GOT DARK I SPOTTED THAT MEEM.E-HEAVER'S POSITION! IF WE CAN SURPRISE 'EM...
4

CRAWLING .. CLIMB NG' . SWEATING THE DOGGIES INCH THEIR WAY UP THE H LL...
PS S-T SARGE LOOK
HOLY SMOKES!
A RED OBSERVER! HE MUST BE THE GUY WHO SPOTTED US AN' IS DIRECTING THE MEEMIES! YOU GUYS WAIT HERE .
THE N GHT HIDES MANY THINGS .. JUST AS IT HIDES THE SERGEANT AS HE SNAKES HIS WAY BEHIND THE RED OBSERVER AND...
ARG-GG...
NICE GOIN', SARGE! BUT YOUR NECK AIN'T ANY LESS VALUABLE THAN OURS... SO WHAT SAY WE ALL CHIP IN WHEN WE GET TO THAT MORTAR NEST!
OKAY . COM N' IT CAN ' BE FAR FROM HERE! GET YOUR GRENADES READY!
AND DOWN BELOW, AMONG THE DAISIES AND THE LUPINES, THE DOGGIES BEGIN TO RAISE THEIR HELMETS! THE SCREAMING MEEMIES HAVE STOPPED...
WONDER WHY? THEY HAD US NAILED DOWN LIKE A LINOLEUM!
YEAH... AND THEY USUALLY KEEP UP A BARRAGE ALL NIGHT! WONDER WHAT MADE THEM STOP?
YOU'LL FIND THE ANSWER, DOGGIES...WHEN YOU REACH THE TOP...
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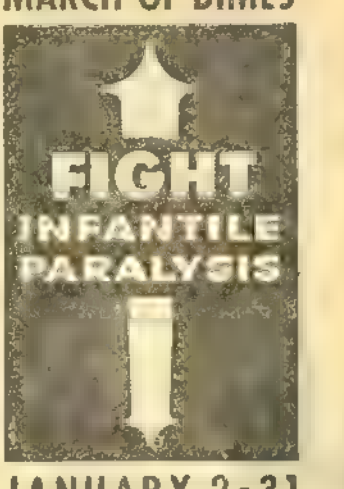

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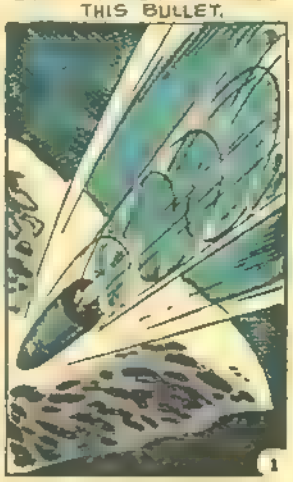
IT TAKES SCARCELY A SECOND FROM RIFLE BARREL TO BULL'S-EYE...A SECOND OF LIFE BEFORE AN ETERNITY OF DEATH

YET, BEFORE THAT SECOND IS DEVOURED--SPACE MUST BE COVERED--A STRETCH OF KOREAN LANDSCAPE MUST BE TRAVELLED.

AS THE BULLET SCREAMS THROUGH SPACE, IMAGINE IF YOU WILL, THAT THE SECOND LASTS LONGER.. LONG ENOUGH TO TELL A STORY WHICH INVOLVES THIS BULLET.



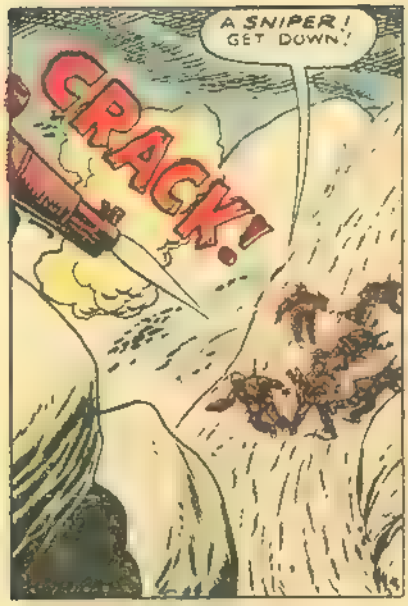
IT'S THE STORY OF ALL SOLDIERS IN THE LINE! OR RATHER, OF THEIR *DREAMS!* THE DREAM THAT COMES WHEN THE SNOW IS DEEP AND THE COLD IS AT ZERO...

IT'S THE DREAM OF GOING HOME IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS..

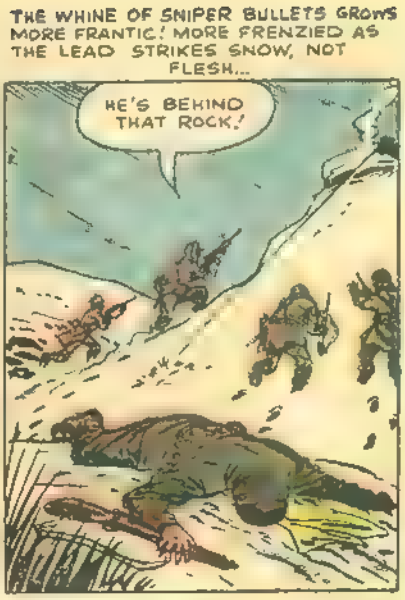
SO YOU'RE GOIN' TO MAKE IT, GOGARTY!
YEP! ONLY TAKES A COUPLE OF DAYS BY PLANE! YOU GUYS CAN TAKE PARADISE! GIVE *ME* CHRISTMAS IN INDIANA!

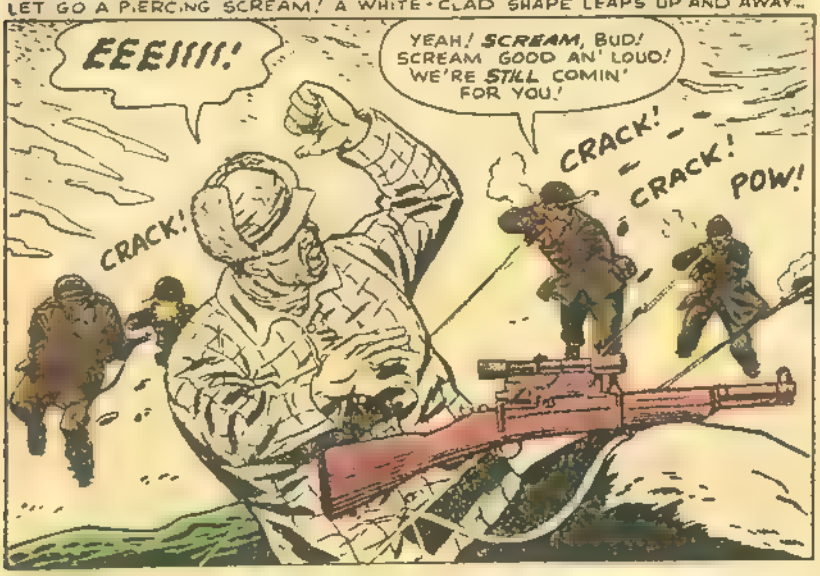
THAT'S WHAT'S BEST ABOUT HOME! YOU CAN GO AWAY FOR YEARS... THE WORLD CHANGES! BUT HOME-- *NEVER!* YES, SIR, BOYS! I'LL BE HOME CHRISTMAS...
AN' WE'LL BE HERE FREEZING OUR EARS OFF! YOU'RE A LUCKY GUY, GOGARTY!

I PUT IN MY TIME, ED! PUSAN! INCHON! HEARTBREAK RIDGE! I WAS THERE! I DID MY SHARE! THEY'RE NOT SENDING ME HOME BECAUSE THEY *LIKE* ME! I EARNED GOING HOME!
WE'RE ONLY KIDDING, GOGARTY...


A SNIPER! GET DOWN!
CRACK!

SOME GOT DOWN! ONE MAN DOESN'T...
GOGARTY! THE POOR "
THE SNIPER! GET THE DIRTY LOUSE!
EEAAAA!


THE WHINE OF SNIPER BULLETS GROWS MORE FRANTIC! MORE FRENZIED AS THE LEAD STRIKES SNOW, NOT FLESH...
HE'S BEHIND THAT ROCK!


SUDDENLY RED FLESH AND BLOOD CAN STAND NO MORE! TAUT NERVES LET GO A PIERCING SCREAM! A WHITE-CLAD SHAPE LEAPS UP AND AWAY...
EEEIIII!
YEAH! SCREAM, BUD! SCREAM GOOD AN' LOUD! WE'RE STILL COMIN' FOR YOU!
CRACK!
CRACK!
POW!
CRACK!

MORE BULLETS WHINE! BULLETS THAT SEEK THE LIFE OF THE SNIPER WHO HAS KILLED THEIR BUDDY
ARGGHHH!

I'LL SEE TO IT THAT THIS SNEAKIN' RAT NEVER CRAWLS AGAIN..
KNOCK IT OFF ALREADY! HE'S AS DEAD AS HE'LL EVER BE! LET'S GET BACK TO GOGARTY..
CRACK! CRACK!

THE BULLET HAS ENDED ITS JOURNEY..

BUT CORPORAL GOGARTY STILL HAS A LONG WAY TO TRAVEL...HE'S GOING TO INDIANA GOING HOME
THE END

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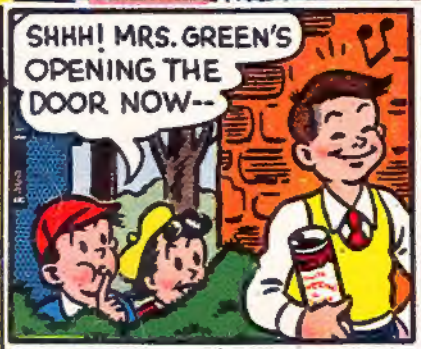

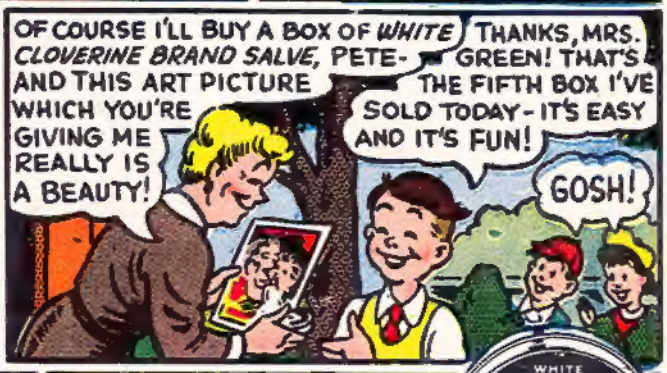
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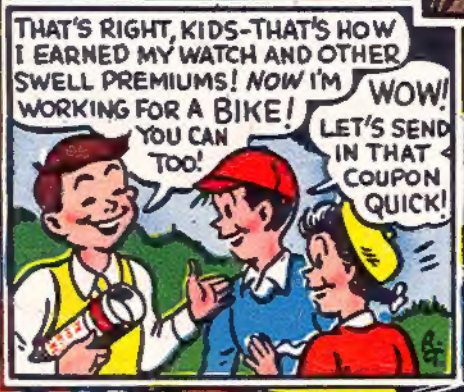
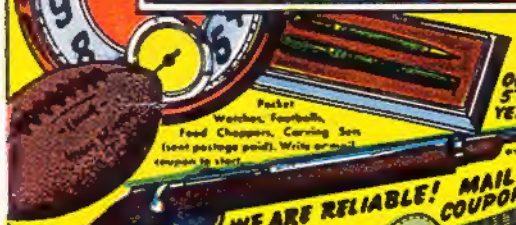

THAT'S RIGHT, KIDS-THAT'S HOW I EARNED MY WATCH AND OTHER SWELL PREMIUMS! NOW I'M WORKING FOR A BIKE! YOU CAN TOO!
WOW! LET'S SEND IN THAT COUPON QUICK!

ACT NOW!
BE FIRST! Candid Cameras with Carrying Cases. Complete Cub Fishing Outfits (sent postage paid). Give pictures with White CLOVERINE Brand SALVE easily sold to friends, neighbors, relatives at 25c a box (with picture) to start.
WHITE CLOVERINE BRAND SALVE PRICE 25c
ACT NOW!
Aluminum Ware, Blankets, Alarm Clocks (sent postage paid). Mail coupon for Salve and pictures to start.
57th YEAR!
IT'S FUN
ACT NOW!
Wrist Watches, Pocket Watches, Dolls, Footballs (sent postage paid). Other premiums or Cash Commission easily yours. SIMPLY GIVE pictures with White CLOVERINE Brand SALVE easily sold at 25c a box (with picture) and remit per catalog sent with starting order.



Lovable fully dressed Dolls over 15" in height. Ukuleles. Wrist Watches. Telescopes (sent postage paid). Write or mail coupon to start.

LET'S GO! **BIG CATALOG!** ACT NOW!

Alarm Clocks, Pen and Pencil Sets, Bibles, Billfolds, Telescopes, Roller Skates, Blankets, Aluminum Ware, Record Players, Movie Machines (sent postage paid). Rush coupon to start

WE TRUST YOU

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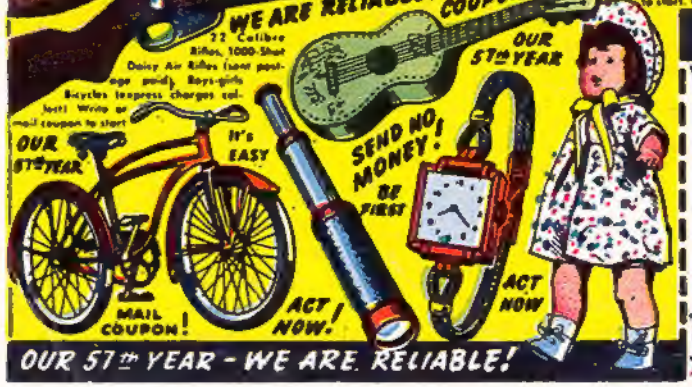
WE ARE RELIABLE! MAIL COUPON!
22 Caliber Rifles, 1000-Shot Daisy Air Rifles (sent postage paid). Boys-girls Bicycles (express charges collect). Write or mail coupon to start
OUR 57th YEAR
IT'S EASY
OUR 57th YEAR
SEND NO MONEY! BE FIRST
MAIL COUPON!
ACT NOW!
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Wilson Chem. Co. Dept. BM- 148, Tyrone, Pa. Date.....

Gentlemen: Please send me on trial 14 colorful art pictures with 14 boxes of White CLOVERINE Brand SALVE to sell at 25c a box (with picture.) I will remit amount asked within 30 days, select a Premium or keep Cash Commission as explained under Premium wanted in catalog sent with order, postage paid to start.

NAME _____ AGE _____

ST. _____ R. D. _____ BOX _____

TOWN _____ ZONE NO. _____ STATE _____

PRINT LAST NAME HERE

Paste coupon on postal card or mail in envelope today

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